

The people of Greer county join Oklahoma in the heretical condition of being out of debt.

The Great Cimarron Salt Bath Sanatorium company of Logan county, has been granted a charter.

Mrs. Doolin visited her husband in the Logan county jail the other day. He looked safe and she went away satisfied.

W. R. McCormick of Pottawatomie county, knocked C. M. Rodman down the other day because Rodman had written a letter to Mrs. McCormick.

In northern Oklahoma the only wheat that has blown out of the soil very late in the fall. Most of wheat is high enough to hide a rabbit.

Near the town of Noble a farmer named Daly was taken very sick. The neighboring farmers to the number of fifteen plowed his ground for him and put in his crop.

It is said that the receiver of the Hutchinson Southern is now figuring on building the line so that it will touch the Rock Island first at some point in Garfield county.

Sam Marshall, the Garfield county man who was recently shot full of holes, is going to pull through. He will move to Colorado. Oklahoma is too tough for him.

Chief Wa-Pa-Sho, of the Sac and Fox tribe, is in jail in Oklahoma county for standing off government officials who wanted to take his children to a government school.

In one vicinity in Oklahoma county there is great excitement over Johnson grass. Fellows who plant it are snubbed, and all the seed at the local stores has been purchased and burned.

It is thought the 300 foot span bridge across the Canadian at Purcell will be finished by the Santa Fe this week. When completed, it will cost about \$60,000 and will be a magnificent structure.

A bottle of carbolic acid purchased by George Gilmore of Woods county to kill prairie dogs exploded, fatally burning Gilmore and his wife. Proximity to the stove was the cause of the explosion.

How many people in Payne county know that during the rebellion a battle was fought in that county? It occurred in the eastern part of Pawnee township, not far from the twin mounds. It was between about 3,000 renegades and a regiment of Texas rangers who were attempting to capture and return the scoundrels to Texas.

The troops overtook the fleeing columns, when a battle ensued, but the fleeing party succeeded in escaping to Black Bear, where they fortified themselves and repulsed the party a little later on. For a number of years after the fight, Indians picked up articles cast away by the refugees, and since the opening of Oklahoma, wagon tires and fragments of wagons have been found on the site of the battle.

C. B. Hunt, who is charged with shooting C. A. Garland, with intent to kill and also killing two of Garland's horses, has been taken to Logan county and placed under a \$2,000 bond by Justice Jackson on the charge of shooting Garland and under \$500 bond by Judge Lawrence on the charge of killing two of Garland's horses. Both bonds are good, having reliable citizens on them. The preliminary examination is set for the 18th. Garland is said to be in a dangerous condition, and may not recover. He was shot through the front part of the abdomen, the ball passing through and coming out, broke the left arm off below the elbow. It is said that Garland was shot from ambush, while in the field. The shot came from Hunt's horn. Hunt states that he knows nothing of the shooting except what he has heard. Both of the contestants are good citizens, but their troubles over the claim have driven them to desperation.

Henry DeBar, chemist and geologist of the territorial college of Geology county spent last Saturday in examining the mines in Noble county and in the evening delivered a lecture on the minerals of Oklahoma territory. The professor said that there was low grade ore in several places in Oklahoma and the chief questions were "can there be found in sufficient quantities to justify a considerable outlay to mine it properly; and secondly, is the ore, as it comes from the ground, free from zinc." So far, while the assay of ore from Noble county has been sufficient to justify mining in the absence of zinc, unfortunately that trouble some metal is almost always present. He said that in the shaft on Clark's claim a fine lead was found which, if followed, would prove remunerative if an assay of the ore would show an absence of zinc. The professor further advised the miners not to get excited, to take their time and not expect too much in the beginning.

Lincoln county is known as the "original Flynn county." When it was county A, it placed Flynn in nomination.

Grist Mill Jones manages to win every time. A man whose town is upmost in his mind always does win.

Deducting the population of cities and towns Lincoln county has a larger population than any other county in Oklahoma.

Endless litigation will result in the settlement of the Greer county cases, but it will be a good thing for the lawyers.

We knew it would come. Noble county has a new restaurant called "The Mineral."

Captain Woodson will tell the editors, when they assemble in May, how to solve the Indian question.

A man recently died in Oklahoma and his daughter wrote a half column to a local paper telling how bad she felt.

The fast woman who was supposed to have been killed by cocaine in Logan county the other night will be dug up. Someone has expressed a doubt that she was dead.

There are no street railways in any of the cities of Oklahoma.

Judge McAtee will arrange for the future residence of Bill Ralder this week.

Frank Greer says there is a buoyant hope in every wave of the emerald wheat.

The spring zephyrs in Oklahoma, just now, seem to be somewhat beligerent.

The lawyers in Oklahoma break up partnerships and form new ones almost annually.

Fishing parties are reported having lots of sport along the streams in Woodward county.

An Oklahoma editor says the average fisherman isn't in it with the up-to-date bicycle liar.

The cold weather last week did hurt the peach crop on the low lands in Oklahoma a good deal.

The Choctaw railroad has again changed time, but it makes no better connection than before.

Araphoe had the first fire in its history last week. Precaution is the best protection against fire.

Near Blackburn a vein of coal has been found at a depth of eighty feet. It is not quite a foot in thickness.

The nearest average Oklahoma editor comes to praying is when he renders a line—thanks for prayer.

At Coalgate a woman was cured of paralysis by riding a bicycle but several men who saw her were paralyzed.

The people of Wichita County, Texas, have just learned that the Fort Sill Country is not the Indian Territory.

The farmers who are putting increased hope in cotton and diversity of crops will have cash and comfort this fall.

It is said that Joe Miller, formerly of Kay county, was acquitted of the charge of counterfeiting at New Orleans.

"William Tell" socials are among the latest Oklahoma diversions in church circles. Malpens' bluish apples are used.

"Progressive heart parties" are becoming popular again in Oklahoma. The signs are that this will be a good year for them.

Territorial Treasurer Turner has called in and cancelled \$40,000 worth of Territorial warrants up to the 20th of October, 1895.

If the officers didn't get Ira Terrell they will have a nice damage suit on their hands for keeping an innocent man locked up so long.

Mr. Starkey of Noble county, has a new wheel, with a rake and hoe attachment, for his wife and is teaching her to ride so she can make the garden.

It is claimed that the Johnson grass is very dangerous, that it will run over everything, and is as deleterious to soil, and as hard to eradicate as the thistle.

Over on Duck creek in Kay county there lives a family named Slusher and yet they claim they need rain. They are not living up to their opportunities.

An Oklahoma paper explains the rapid way in which tramps hurry through Oklahoma at present by referring to the fact that corn is now at the hoing stage.

The new law on the subject of limitations of actions, outlaws written contracts and promissory notes if not sued on in five years. Foreign judgments are outlawed after one year.

In Oklahoma road overseers are liable to a fine of \$5 if they violate the new law which says it shall be their duty to work the roads on the north and east lines of their road districts only.

A colored girl was found guilty of larceny in Noble county the other day and fined \$25 and sent to jail. She was soon after released, "to save expense to the county," as she had no money to pay her fine.

The one year divorce bill is hung up in the Senate and is likely not to become a law; to which an Oklahoma paper smiles a large smile and says: "This is proper. Oklahoma people are satisfied with the present divorce law."

This will be a prosperous year in Oklahoma. Crops will be abundant and farmers are happy. Business men should advertise our resources through commercial organizations. Every city in Oklahoma should have a commercial club, and get to work at once with a vim.

A 3-year-old child of J. L. Ryan, of McKinley, fell into a well twenty-five feet deep Wednesday, and would have drowned but for the heroic action of the mother, who ran to the well and climbed down the rough stone side, seized the little one as it was going under the third time, and tying it around her neck with her dress, climbed out of the well and resuscitated it.

A Woodward county girl tells her friends so many things that they are kept dizzy trying to label those which may be repeated and those that must be kept a dead secret, and as a rule they tell the secrets and keep mum about the things they should have repeated.

Most of the stock passing through Purcell goes to the Indian reservations along the Santa Fe north, the Ponca reservation getting much of it. A large number of cars have also been shipped to Elgin, Kansas, pasturage being plentiful in that locality.

The Oklahoma free home bill, provides in brief that all actual settlers on the public lands in Oklahoma should acquire a patent after five years residence, upon payment of the customary fees, without the price of payment of the price per acre required by the existing law.

Oklahoma farmers are feeling good over the prospects for large crops this year.

Oklahoma has joined the movement for a uniformity of cotton bales. The standard size fixed upon is 32x58 inches.

All the Oklahoma papers are kicking against the Noble county press romance.

They talk about hanging people out in Woodward county for burning the prairie grass.

Harry Gilstrap calls his best girl his "little ball of yarn" because she is so wrapped up in herself.

All the Oklahoma papers said after the election: "Now let us join together to work for the good of the town."

Judge Dale decides that the 45 per cent raise was legal and should stand. Judge Bierer says it was illegal and should not stand. Great men seem to differ.

Greer county, Oklahoma, is a mighty respectable community, as the sheriff has notified Sheriff DeFord, of Oklahoma county, that he has only one prisoner in jail.

The Leslie E. Keeley chloride of gold company, of Dwight, Ill., has brought suit against the Keeley institute of Oklahoma for something like infringement of patent.

Stock shipments northward from Purcell have been so heavy this week that the yard men have hardly had time to breathe. Seventeen trains, carrying about two hundred and sixty cars, were handled by the day force Saturday.

The farmers around Oakland, in Oklahoma county, became enraged because seedmen brought on Johnson grass seed. They finally held a mass meeting and raised a fund and bought all the seed and burned it to prevent anybody buying and selling it. They claim it is a dangerous grass.

Fire swept down through the valleys of Persimmon and Hackberry, March 30th, destroying miles of good grain and some private improvements. The people fought gallantly until twelve o'clock at night and succeeded in extinguishing the north line which made them safe.—Live Stock Inspector.

The farmers of Oklahoma can now enter upon their spring work with buoyant confidence. Since the great and glorious rain a bountiful wheat crop is assured. Attention should now be turned to planting a large acreage of cotton, castor beans, Indian and Kafir corn. Every acre should be planted that can be prepared in time. This is to be the greatest crop year Oklahoma has ever known. Farmers make the best of it.

An Oklahoma man bought a box of "One Night Corn Cure," which was guaranteed to keep a corn from hurting after one application. The buyer used the stuff one night and died the next day. It is not often that quick medicines are so effective as this, but there is one disadvantage. It will be impossible for the man who sold the corn cure to get a recommendation from the Oklahoma. Dead men neither tell tales nor recommend patent medicines.

W. F. Canleton of Oklahoma county, has been appointed Territorial veterinarian by Gov. Renfrow with orders to secure the enforcement of the quarantine line through Oklahoma. The appointment is a good one and is effective June 1st. The only error is that the appointment is not effective from date. Gov. Renfrow will readily see that the danger from infection is greater during the spring drives than later in the season and it is hoped he will make the order effective May 1st, if not earlier.—Live Stock Inspector.

The crop prospect for 1896 is one of the main topics of conversation. In fact it is the main topic from March till September every year. Some are fearful of what is to come, but as a rule the people are very hopeful of a crop. Wheat is certainly looking fine and the oldest farmers say they have never yet failed of a fair crop when there was as much falling weather in March as we have had this year. Mr. Willets who moved from Rice county, Kansas, to Grant county Oklahoma, says the only thing necessary to make farming a success in this country is to keep at it; it will come sooner or later. He says further, that the soil is all right; there is no wear out to it, and the man who owns a farm in Oklahoma will be in good shape to live one of these days.

People who come to Beaver county with the idea of going into the stock business are all right. The successful man in this country is the one who deals in stock and limits his farming to raising feed for them. As a usual thing the settler who farms exclusively does not lay up much for a "rainy day." Exceptions to the latter statement are found only with broomcorn and watermelon growers—these men are making money. When irrigation can be employed any kind of a crop may be successfully cultivated, but irrigation is necessary to make sure of anything except the hardiest crops. Beaver county is a stock country—the best in the southwest—and that's all it is. It contains many fine herds of high grade cattle, sheep and horses, and sends thousands of head of stock to market annually. When the county contains people who own stock enough to eat all the grass the population will be sufficient and no more will be desired. Stock raising must and always will be the mainstay and leading pursuit of Beaver county.

Wednesday evening a partial tornado swept over the same track in Cleveland county where such havoc took place two years ago. It arose at 4:30 and lasted but a few minutes, but in that time it destroyed several houses and many sheds. No damage to life is reported. The track of the tornado was east of Moore, and going in a southeasterly direction.

We wonder what kind of a disposition Miss Tempest Harmony, of Logan county, is possessed of. It is impossible to figure out anything from that name.

The action of the House committee on Territories agreeing to favorably report the New Mexico bill and to defer action on the Arizona bill, leaves the way clear for consideration of the Oklahoma statehood bill and it is confidently expected that it will be called up and favorably acted upon within a week.

Kafir corn and cotton will constitute a large per cent of the Oklahoma crop this year.

The cattle shipments into northern Oklahoma just now, for grazing purposes, is tremendous.

M'KINLEY ON A. P. A.

A FRIEND REPLIES TO THE LATTERS ATTACKS.

The Editor of the Cleveland Leader Denies Charges Made and Explains the Position of the Ohio Man on the A. P. A. Question—For Freedom of Worship.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 16.—The following statement is made by James B. Morrow, editor of the Cleveland Leader, a newspaper which, perhaps, more nearly represents Mr. McKinley than does any other paper:

"Persons who pretend to be conspirators members of the American Protective Association, have given circulation to the statement that William McKinley is a member of the Ancient Order of Liberteans; that M. A. Hanna, who is Mr. McKinley's personal and political friend, is a Roman Catholic; that Mr. Boyle, Mr. McKinley's private secretary, is also a Catholic, and finally, while Mr. McKinley was Governor of Ohio his appointments were largely made from the membership of a certain religious denomination. It is urged, therefore, that Mr. McKinley is not the right kind of an American."

"This statement is untrue in part and in whole. Mr. McKinley's Americanism reaches back to the war for independence. William McKinley himself was a private in the Union army while yet a boy, and carried a musket for four years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has been a member of that denomination nearly all his life. His ancestors and his family for 300 years have been Protestants—Methodists and Presbyterians."

"At this time Mr. McKinley is one of the trustees of the First M. E. church of Canton, Ohio, moreover Mr. McKinley is not a member of the A. P. A. nor of the A. P. A. However, he is a Mason, a member of the G. A. R., a member of the Sons of American Revolution, of the Sons of American Liberty, of the Loyal Legion and of a college fraternity. And these are the only secret societies with which Mr. McKinley has any connection whatever. The charge that his appointments to office while he was Governor of Ohio were largely made from the Roman Catholic church or any other church is ridiculous and untrue. He believes all men should be permitted to worship God in the manner that squares with conscience."

It should be also stated that both M. H. Hanna and Mr. Boyle are life-long members of the Protestant Episcopal church. I make this statement in behalf of truth, so that every American citizen may know the exact facts."

DEBS NOT WANTED.

The Chicago University Faculty Excludes the Labor Agitator.

CHICAGO, April 16.—At a meeting of the oratorical association of Chicago university it was decided to invite Eugene V. Debs to speak during the next quarter.

When the members of the faculty were apprised of the intended invitation, they immediately sent out for the representatives of the association and firmly demanded that no such invitation should be issued. They declared that Mr. Debs belonged to a dangerous element and his appearance at the University, with the sanction of the faculty, would endanger the standing of the institution among the orthodox.

JOHN A. COCKRELL DEAD.

The Famous Editor and Correspondent No More.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Colonel John A. Cockrell, the well-known newspaper correspondent, died last night of apoplexy, in Shepherd's hotel.

Bible Quota as Improbable.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 15.—J. B. Wise of Clay Center has been found guilty by a jury of the Federal court of sending improper matter through the mail and fined \$50. He addressed a postal card to the Rev. H. B. Vennun of Industry, Clay county, upon which he had written: "I make this statement in behalf of truth, so that every American citizen may know the exact facts."

Window Glass Factories to Close.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 16.—At a meeting of the Pittsburgh Window Glass Association it was decided, owing to the glut in the glass market, to close down every window glass factory in the United States on May 29. The two associations control the output of window glass in this country. The action taken means that thousands of men will be thrown out of employment.

No Statute for Ben Butler.

BOSTON, Mass., April 15.—The House committee on ways and means, to which was referred the bill for an appropriation of \$50,000 for a statue of General Butler, will report against the appropriation. A minority of the committee, probably including Mr. Hayes, the Republican representative from Lowell, and the Democratic members will dissent. It is probable that the House will sustain the majority report.

A Police Officer Sentenced.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 16.—Judge Hazen yesterday sentenced Police Officer H. E. Gaines to the penitentiary for one year for killing Albert Kreuger, a citizen of North Topeka, about six months ago. Gaines attempted to arrest a relative of Kreuger without a warrant, when the latter protested. A fight ensued, resulting in the shooting. The jury found Gaines guilty of manslaughter.

Carlike in Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Hon. John G. Carlisle, secretary of the treasury, spoke on the currency question at the Auditorium last night, before an audience that filled the great hall to the uttermost. The address was delivered under the auspices of the laboring men of Chicago, and they were there in full force, nearly three-quarters of the crowd being workmen.

Judge Cole is Renominated.

DOUGLAS CITY, Kan., April 15.—In the Appellate court, Southern division, Republican convention Judge Elrick C. Cole, the present incumbent, was renominated by acclamation.

Population of Chicago 1,770,000.

CHICAGO, April 16.—The school census of this city now practically complete shows the city to have a population of approximately 1,770,000.

LATE NEWS NOTES.

United States Trust Company is foreclosing on the Atlantic & Pacific.

The Mississippi is sweeping away bridges and dams in Minnesota.

Alonso Walling, one of Pearl Bryan's murderers, will go to trial May 5.

A Missouri Pacific freight went through a bridge across the Gasconade river.

Every window glass factory in the United States will be closed down May 29.

A favorable report has been made to the House on the Arizona statehood bill.

South Dakota Supreme court upheld the Yankton city ordinance licensing saloons.

Over three-fourths of the Methodist conferences have voted to admit women delegates.

Spontaneous combustion caused a \$225,000 fire in Walton Brothers brick block at Fairbury, Ill.

Ex-Mayor W. W. Gilreath of Greenville, S. C., committed suicide in his office by shooting.

New charges of unministerial conduct have been filed against Rev. C. O. Brown of San Francisco.

France has turned over to Russia the matter of negotiating with England concerning the Nile expedition.

Insurance Inspector Gray says that at least five of arch criminal Holmes' alleged victims were not killed by him.

T. R. Jennings of the United States weather bureau says the recent rains have put the Kansas crops in a splendid condition.

W. L. Oliver and T. G. Powell fought at Bassett, Texas. Powell was fatally wounded and two ladies on a near by veranda were shot.

A favorable report has been ordered made to the House on the bill to provide for a director-in-chief of the scientific bureau of the Agriculture department.

John Lehman, a Chicago street car driver, went crazy over worry and killed his three little children and himself. One boy and girl escaped by being away from home. The murderer had \$1,500 in the bank but he continually worried for fear that some day his savings would be swept away and that his family would suffer.

A tin plate mill is being formed in Pittsburgh.

A dynamite explosion at Gwelo killed 200 Matabele.

Owing to ill health Crisp has had to cease public speaking in Georgia.

Electrocution will be the method of capital punishment in Ohio after July 1st.

Governor McKinley will talk to the Methodist conference at Cleveland May 13.

A Toledo man has discovered the original Egyptian process of making mummies.

John Hoefs and wife, Matilda, of Milwaukee were found dead from arsenical poisoning.

A bill to open the publication of Patent Office Gazette to general competition passed the Senate.

A fifty years' extension is to be given the Central and Union Pacific railroads by the government.

A split has occurred in the Musicians' league, a part of the organization joining the Federation of Labor.

Wife and stepson of Joe Hadziczak, a Pole at St. Louis, fatally chopped and beat him with a hatchet.

Five train men were killed and two fatally injured by a fall of a bridge near Bedford Junction, Ind.

The Dreifeld offensive and defensive agreement between Italy and Germany, has been prolonged until 1902.

Fitzhugh Lee of Virginia has been appointed consul general at Havana, to succeed Ramon O. Williams, resigned.

The secret treaty between China and Russia practically makes the Celestial empire a dependency of Russia.

Five men were fatally injured by a fire dam explosion in the Red Ash vein of Woodward mine, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Mary Linnet of Chicago formerly an insane patient, killed Elizabeth Treverbridge at Elgin, Ill., and then committed suicide.

Spanish government has ordered a horse levy at Havana. Cubans who refuse to sell will simply have their horses confiscated.

William Graves of New York, has sued out a writ to compel Secretary of State to issue to him \$1,500,000 of the new government bonds.

Patrick Finnegan of Colfax county, Neb., killed his wife and himself, because the woman wouldn't sign a deed for sale of property.

Samuel Jones of Perry, Okla., got converted and gave back to the government a patent for a \$6,000 claim he had obtained by false swearing.

John Dillon declares that the Irish land bill as presented and explained to the commons by Balfour is a great disappointment to Ireland.

Cholera, diphtheria and typhoid fever germs succumb to the new light, according to Chicago professors who claim the X rays are a panacea.

County school superintendents of Kansas will meet in semi-annual convention at Newton May 12-14. Edward Stanley, state superintendent, will deliver the address.

J. Milton Turner, ex-minister to Liberia, is in the city hospital at St. Louis with a fractured skull, received in a fracas with his step-daughter, Mrs. William Mason.

What Ails My Chickens?

This is a most common question. It is asked especially at this time of year. The men that ask it are those that have been feeding a too condensed and heating ration for long months.

The following letter is to the point: "What kind of a disease is it that will kill off chickens inside of half an hour? They never looked better and never laid better, but just die after being sick a short time. C. G. G."

Valverde, Colorado. The above description of the disease is altogether too scant. We might think it cholera if the writer had given more information, but as he says the birds never looked better we are forced to believe that indigestion alone is the cause of the losses. We have for years noticed the great losses that occur every winter from this cause alone. There are two phases of indigestion, one in which the birds are constipated. This precedes the other stage, in which the fowls are manifestly affected by diarrhea. The latter stage is not hard to determine, and farmers that see their fowls get sick and die from this stage of indigestion at once report that they are dying of cholera. The former state, that of indigestion, is quite often fatal, but is not noticed. The farmer does not see them get sick, and so when they fall over he thinks they have died of old age or of some insidious disease. The whole is the result of feed. Grain is fed to a very great extent, and no bran mash is given. Oil meal should be fed at stated intervals the year round, except when the fowls have access to green food of some kind. In that case there is seldom any occasion for using oil meal.

To avoid these losses the poultryman or farmer should establish a ration that he should insist on being fed, and that should contain some elements that will give the digestive organs the desired looseness.—Farmers' Review.

Superior Plymouth Rocks.

For 20 years I have been engaged in keeping fowls. I have raised the Barred Plymouth Rocks, Buff Cochins, Dark Brahmas, Light Brahmas, Houdans, Single and Rose Comb Brown Leghorns, Black Breasted Red Game Bantams, Booted White Bantams and Pekin Ducks. I like the Barred Plymouth Rocks best.

My hens have the very best house that can be built; it never freezes in winter. In the morning I feed a warm mash, with corn at night in winter. In summer I give them plenty of green stuff. In the winter we feed lots of potatoes. As a consequence of this treatment and feed we get about as many eggs in winter as in summer. I sometimes lose fowls from disease. We doctor fowls successfully. The Barred Plymouth Rocks are the best fowls we ever had. We now have hens that are seven years old, have never wanted to sit and are laying at the present time. We think that the Barred Plymouth Rock, if rightly handled, is the best fowl for the market. The Leghorns will lay more eggs from March to September than any other fowl, but will not lay so well in winter. We have had Plymouth Rock pullets lay for four months and eight days old.—C. L. Hoyme in Farmers' Review.

Poultry Notes.

Selling eggs direct to consumers is one of the best ways of disposing of them. The consumers are then satisfied with fresh eggs and the producers get better prices for them. But it takes a little work on the part of producers and consumers together.

If you can, select old birds to breed from. The eggs of the old hens will, it is believed, give more vigorous chicks than the younger hens. There is danger that the incessant breeding from one-year-old birds will cause a deterioration of the vitality of the flock.

Is there not some old pullet lying around unused? If so, pound it up and give it to the hens. They will need it for shell making. Now that the hatching